requirements outstanding and due in the above captioned matter.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, please delete "claims 1 and 2" and substitute therefor -- claim 1 --.

Claim 4, line 1, please delete "claims 1 through 3" and substitute therefor -- claim 1 --.

Claim 5, line 1, please delete "claims 1 through 4" and substitute therefor -- claim 1 --.

Claim 6, line 1, please defete "claims 1 through 5" and substitute therefor -- claim 1 --.

Claim 8, line 1, please delete "claims 6 and 7" and substitute therefor -- claim 6 --.

Claim 9, line 1, please delete "claims 6 through 8" and substitute therefor -- claim 6 --.

Claim 10, line 1, please delete "claims 6 through 9" and substitute therefor -- claim 6 --.

Claim 11, line 1, please delete "claims 6 through 10" and substitute therefor -- claim 6 --.

Claim 12, line 1, please delete "claims 6 through 11" and substitute therefor -- claim 6 --.

Claim 13, line 1, please delete "claims 6 through 12" and substitute therefor -- claim 6 --.

Claim 14, line 1, please delete "claims 6 through 13" and substitute therefor -- claim 6 --.

Claim 15 line 1, please delete "claims 1 through 14" and substitute therefor -- claim 1 --.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 16 are in the case. Claims 3 - 6 and 8 -15 are being amended.

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